WILMINGTON'S BIG BLAZE. A Burning Sceamer Sets Fire to Valuab

Property- Escape of Passengers-Loss A Wilmington (N. C.) special of Sunday says: "The steamer Bladen, plying between this city and Fayette-ville, N. C., caught fire this afternoon about 4 o'clock just before reaching her wharf, and owing to the inflammable nature of her cargo, consisting of resin, spirits of turpentine, and cotton, was immediately enveloped in flames. pilot headed her for the nearest available wharf, and the passengers succeeded in escaping, some by boats from adjoining vessels and others by jumping overboard, when they were quickly rescued. The deserted steamer landed against the wharf of the New York and Wilmington Steamship Company, and the fire was quickly commuicated to the sheds and warehouses. All the wharves and sheds being saturated with resin and turpentine, the spread of the fire was rapid, and despite the efforts of the firemen, it became a disastrous conflagration. was a gale of wind blowing at the time from the southwest, and soon the blocks on the water-front were burning furi-

At about eight o'clock the fire was gotten under control, but not until it had destroyed \$1,500,000 worth of property. Starting from Chestnut street, the New York Steamship Company's wharf and warehouse were burned; next the store of F. W. Kerchner, the store and offices of Kerchner & Colder Brothers, S. P. Shotter & Co. A. D. Wessell, Worth & Worth, O. G. Parsley, Alexander Sprunt & Son. Chadburn's city lumber mill, formerly Colville's: G G. Bonney & Co., B. Wright, flour and grist mills, the Champion Compress and Warehouse Company. The freight warehouses of the Wilmington and Weldon and Wilmington, Columbia and Augusta Railroad Companies, and several sailors' boarding-houses were also destroyed, and in addition to the steamer Bladen the steamer River Queen, of the same line, was burned to the water's edge. The American schooner Lillie Holmes, not being able to get out of reach of the flames, was also burned, and will prove a total loss. Over \$250,000 worth of goods were burned in one warehouse. Owing to sparks wafted by the high wind numerous private dwellings caught fire and were burned to the ground, including those of the Hon. George Davis, Colonel E. R. Brink, Mr. Solomon Baer, and about thirty others. In addition a block of small tenements occupied by colored people was completely swept away, although nearly a mile distant from the main fire. The general offices of the Atlantic Coast Line were destroyed, with numerous valuable papers and secords. The Front-Street Methodist church was included in the list of buildings burned, and is a Owing to the general demoralization

incident to the fire it is impossible to ascertain to-night the individual losses or losses of the insurance companies. The telegraph-wires in the streets were pulled down, and communication is difficult. So many poor people are burned out that fears are entertained of serious distress, and active efforts are Quite a handsome sum has already been raised and others are contributing. The guests of the Orton House alone raised a munificent purse, which is being distributed to those most in need. (By telegraph to the Dispatch.

WILMINGTON, N. C., February 22. The loss by yesterday's fire is fortunately much less than at first reported. The total loss is now estimated at \$500 .-600 and the insurance at \$400,000. Some of the principal losses are as follows: Schooner Lillie Holmes (loaded with guano), loss \$30,000-no insurance; general office of the Atlantic-Coast Line and two freight warehouses, net loss \$30,000; the steamer Bladen, loss \$5,000-no insurance; the Front-Street Methodist Episcopal church, loss \$3,000 — insured; the ness-houses of Worth & the busi-Worth. Alexander Spront & Son, C. B. Wright, G. J. Boney, Kerchner & Calden Brothers, Smith & Gilchrist, and the Champion Compress Company, were all partly insured. In the Brooklyn section of the city nineteen buildings were destroyed, causing a loss of \$15,000, with but little insurance. Among the buildings burned in this part of the city were St. Barnabas's school house (colored), Trinity M. E. church, and a number of small buildings and stores. While the Front-Street church was burning a negro fell from the roof and broke both his legs. Several other accidents occurred during the progress of the fire, but not of a serious nature.

Cincinnati Election Returns.

(By telegraph to the Dispatch.) CINCINNATI, February 22.—The decision of Judge Wylie, of Columbus, on the habeas corpus case of Daniel J. Dalton, creates the liveliest interest here. The Fourth Ward returns, which are the subject of controversy, are now in the hands of the chairman of the Senate committee, which is here taking testimony concerning the election. A motion to photograph the returns is now pending before that committee. It was ot able to meet this morning, owing to the illness of Senator Coulter, a Re publican member; but it is thought he rill be able to serve some time during the day. Rumors of an attempt to create a disturbance in the committee and destroy the returns brought a number of persons into the hotel lobby. Daniel Dalton is here, and says he will do as his attorney says about going to Columbus. His attorney proposes to appeal the case to the Supreme Court.

Fire Loss in Pittsburgh.

PITTSBURGH, February 22 .- A fire at Pollard's liquer-store this morning caused a loss of \$100,000. The building was a four-story structure and was entirely consumed, the loss on the building and stock being \$60,000. The firms doing business in the adjoining buildings sustaining damages from water are as follows : Acme Tanning Company, \$20,000; Joseph Barckley & Co., dealers, \$10,000; the Iron-City Glass Company; Watson & Co., grain dealers; Charles Irwin, grain dealer; and McCullough & Co., liquor dealers, \$10.000.

By telegraph to the Dispatch.] PITTSBURGH, PA., February 22. At a largely-attended delegate convention of the coke-workers at Scottdale to-day it was decided to accept the advance offered by the operators and return to work at once. In a minority report, the Hungarians decided to stand out until all their prisoners are released from jail. Among the other matters discussed was store-orders and large wagons, but the miners agreed to return to work and let these matters be adjusted under the law.

General Delgados. (By telegraph to the Dispatch.) KEY WEST, FLA., February 22 .-The steamer City of Mexico is still here. The parties here who had been requested by General Delgados's friends and look out for his personal comfort if

necessary have been refused an interview with him. A letter from the agent to the General has been delivered to him after being read and copied by the officer in charge and notice given that any communication from General Delgados in reply would be sent on

Poot-and-Shoe Strike in Milwauke CHICAGO, February 22 .- An Inter-Ocean Milwaukee special says: A general strike among the employees of the Milwaukee boot-and-shoe manufacturers is imminent. At a recent meeting of the assemblies of the Knights of Labor, composed of the employees of the boot-and-shoe manufacturers, resolutions were adopted to ask all the manufacturers to agree upon a certain scale of prices similar to that in effect in the Bradley & Metcalf factory. resolutions were put into a formal demand, and to-day were served upon the manufacturers. The notices contained the scale of prices which was asked to be estab lished; also, that the various shop com-

mittees be informed of the intention of the employes on or before 9 o'clock this morning. At the hour named six manufacturers notified the committees that they refused to comply. F. T. Newburt & Co., doing business on Prairie street, at once consented to adopt the scale. Immediately upon receiving the replies they were conveyed to the Executive Committee of the Knights of Labor by the shop committees, and a meeting was at once called to decide upon the next step. The matter had already been discussed at length, and it had been decided to order a general strike in the shops where the demand was refused. About 600 men will quit work.

Fatal Ponder Explosion

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.] LEXINGTON, KY., February 22 .-A special to the Press from Winchester, Ky., says: At noon to-day a powder explosion occurred in the grocery store of Mary Wills. The clerk was in the act of weighing some powder from a can, when a man standing near the counter struck a match to light a cigar. A spark ignited the powder, which exploded with terrible violence. The house was badly wrecked and eight persons were severely wounded. James Hopper and Will Murray are dying, and the others may not recover. The man who struck the match escaped unhurt. Mary Wills and two others'were unhurt. The house took fire, but the flames were soon extin-

A Defaulting County Treasurer.

ST. PAUL, MINN., February 22 .-A special from Devil's Lake, Dakota, says: Andy Holman, of Laketa, treasurer of Nelson county, recently visited St. Paul, but not returning at the appointed time, an investigation of his licial accounts developed a shortage in the county funds of \$11,400. Although he has twenty-eight bondsmen for the aggregate sum of \$30,000, it is generally believed that little more than \$2,000 can be recovered from them, they being mostly small farmers. Few are worth more than the \$150 exemp-

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.] NEW ORLEANS, February 22 .- The freight brakemen on a division of the Illinois Central railroad, extending from this city to Canton, Miss., stopped work The men at present receive to-day. from \$47 to \$50 per month. Two brakemen comprise a crew and they are expected to handle fifty cars. They now demand two cents per mile or about \$60 a month and three men to comprise a crew. No freight-trains are moving and freight traffic on the road is at present suspended. An Aged Wife-Murderer,

Thy telegraph to the Dispatch OTTAWA, ILL., February 22. Homora, a village a few miles southeast of Ottawa, Clarence J. Sears, over eighty years of age, had a trouble with his wife on the subject of religion. He came into the house late Saturday evening with a hand-saw in his hand and assaulted her. She ran into the bedroom and tried to fasten the door, but he forced his way in and slashed her so fearfully that she died in two hours. Realizing what he had done, he tried to escape, but was captured.

Ancient Anniversary

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.] BALTIMORE, February 22.-The one-hundred-and-lifty-fourth anniversary of the birth of George Washington passed off quietly in Baltimore. The occasion is a legal holiday, but beyond the closing of the Federal, State, and municipal offices, banks, and business exchanges, there was no suspension of business. The Society of the Army and Navy of the Confederate States held its annual meeting, followed by a banquet, and the places of amusement were open. The day was dull

Serious Railroad Accident.

BUFFALO, N. Y., February 22 .- A serious accident occurred this forenoon on the Buffalo, New York and Philadelphia railroad at a point about twelve miles north of Mount Morris. The early train from Nunda to Rochester ran of the track, when the forward coach tipped over and was burned. Eighteen persons were in the coach at the time. all of whom were more or less seriously injured.

Labor Obstructions [By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

WORCESTER, MASS., February 22. The proprietors of the Patna Mills having refused the demands of the strikers for an increase of four mills a yard, the Knights of Labor have accordingly issued a notice to all weavers to keep away from the mills until the difficulty shall have been adjusted. About one balf of the regular force was at work Saturday.

Serious Shooting Affray in Greens-

[Special telegram to the Dispatch.]
GREENSBORO', N. C., February 22. Two servants at the McAdoo House, George Lindsay and Henry Jarrell, had a serious quarrel this evening, and Lindsay shot Jarrell in the neck. The physician in attendance upon Jarrell pronounced the wound fatal. Lindsay has been lodged in jail.

Mining Strike Threatened.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.] PITTSBURGH, February 22 .- John Britt, of Dubois, Pa., president of the Fourth-District Miners' and Laborers' Amalgamated Association, says that unless there is an advance in wages of 10 per cent. very soon eight thousand miners of the Clearfield region will go

Too Much Spirit [By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

ASHLAND, Pa., February 22 .- John Weber, aged twenty-one years, drank a quart of whiskey in a saloon last night, after which he crawled into an abandoned tenement house to sleep and was found dead this morning.

Horsford's Bread Preparation.

* J. O. DYER, M. D., Galveston, Texas, says : "It supplies in New York to protect his interests | an element in our food of the highest importance to bodily development."

THE NATIONAL CAPITAL. THE TELEPHONE SCANDAL.

What Causes the Delay-The Appropria tions-The Blate Educational Bill-Ameri

|From Our Regular Correspondent WASHINGTON, February 22 .- There has been some unfair criticism upon the Democrats for delaying a report upon the proposition of Mr. Hanback, of Kansas, to enlarge the powers of the Committee on Expenditures of the Department of Justice so as to enable it to make a full investigation of the Pan-Electric scandal. The sole cause of delay has been the fact that Mr. Randall, a member of the Committee on Rules, has been absent for a week But no sound reason can be given for great haste in the matter, even if all of the members of the committee had been in the city. Mr. Randall is expected to return to-morrow, and if his engagements as a member of the Committee on Appropriations and the Ordnance Commission do not interfere, the telephone matter may be considered by the Committee on Rules this week.

The distribution of the appropriation bills among several committees has not thus far had the effect of bringing the general appropriation into the House very early in the session, which was promised by those who caused the change to be made. Up to this date only two out of the fourteen appropriation bills have been reported to the House-namely, the pension bill from the Committee on Appropriations and the Indian bill from the Committee on Indian Affairs. It is expected that the District-of-Columbia bill will be reported within a few days, and possibly the Military Academy bill this week.

In the first session of the Fortyseventh Congress the fortification, postoffice, and consular and diplomatic bills were reported in January, and the Indian, Military Academy, and agricul-

tural bills before February 18th. It is expected that the Senate will not conclude the debate on the Blair educational bill before next Friday. and if all of the senators who desire to be heard should make speeches a final vote cannot be reached until next week. Breckenridge, of Kentucky, and Harris, of Georgia, as a sub-Committee of Ways and Means, spent part of this national holiday at the Captol listening to Morrow and Hawley, of California, and private representatives of American wine-producers in favor of legislation to prevent the importation of impure and adulterated wines. They were invited to sample some of the California wines, but both declined.

It is expected that the report of the Elections Committee on the contest of Frank Hurd, of Ohio, whatever the report may be, will be made the basis of a lively political debate in the House. Mr. Bland, of the Coinage Commit

tee, is fretting because he cannot get the free-coinage bill made a special order. He fears that otherwise the bill cannot be brought up for discussion before the middle of March.

The Inventor of the Electric Telegraph.
[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

CHARLOTTE, N. C., February 22 The Observer to-morrow will publish a column interview by its Washington correspondent with Junius Lynch Glemens, the clerk of the River and Harbor Committee of the House of Representatives, who claims that he is the original inventor of the electric telegraph. Clemens claims that he invented the system in 1835 while at Randolph-Macon College, Virginia. He commun cated his discovery to a Mr. Page, who was in the Patent Office, and who had become quite eminent as an electrician. Page did not answer his letter, and eleven years after took out a patent on the discovery and associated Morse and Amos Kendall with him. The company applied to Congress for aid to de the discovery, and the world knows the result. Clemens claims only the original invention, but gives Morse the credit for its development. cludes the interviewas follows: I would not pluck a single leaf from the laurel circled Morse's brow, or drop a word that would reflect upon his mem-

The letter is published as a vindication of the truth of history.

The Ohio Legislative Complication [By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

COLUMBUS, OHIO, February 22 .-Judge Wylie, of the Common Pleas Court, this morning decided the case of Daniel J. Dalton, clerk of the court of Hamilton county, on an application for a writ of habeas corpus. He was arrested at the order of the House of Representatives for contempt in refusing to produce before the House or the House committee the returns from Precinct A of the Fourth Ward of Cincinnati for the purpose of being photographed, and also refusing to bring them outside of Hamilton county without an order of court. The application was dismissed, and Dalton was remand ed to the custody of the Sergeant-at-Arms. Dalton is not in town, and the Attorney-General states that unless he arrives here by the first train he will forfeit his recognizance, which is in the sum of \$5,000. The relator has the alternative under the House resolution of either producing the returns as requested or serving a specified time in

[My telegraph to the Dispatch.]

PITTSBURGH, PA., February 22. A special from Mount Pleasant, Pa. says that the Hungarians refused to go to work this morning at the Moorwood and Standard works at the advance offered by the syndicate. they will do no work until their countrymen are released from jail. Moorwood they swear they will kill any one who attempts to work until Trick & Co. have complied with their demand. The English-speaking men are indignant at the Hungarians, and will go to work to-morrow regardless of

consequences.

A special from Connellsville says The trouble in the coke region is not ended by any means. The men at Donaldson's works, near here, all went to work this morning, but in one pit they refused to fill the wagons as full as heretofore, and the pit bosses refused to haul the cars out.

(By telegraph to the Dispatch.) JACKSONVILLE, FLA., February 22 The Jacksonville, Tampa and Key West railroad was formally opened between this city and Sanford to-day. Through trains are now running, completing the last link of direct all-rail route to Tampa. The event was celebrated at Sanford by the booming of cannon and a public reception to the railway officials and others interested in quick transit from New York to the West Indies.

St. Patrick's Day in Chicago. (By telegraph to the Dispatch.) CHICAGO, February 22 .- The Irish American Council of Chicago, after a stormy session yesterday, voted to have no street parade on March 17th.

(By telegraph to the Dispatch. MT. PLEASANT, PENN., Februar 22 .- There was a general resumption of work in the coke regions to-day. It cause trouble, but they weakened this morning and placed no obstacle in the path of the workmen. At the Valley mines the men went in and come out again in a body for local grievances. The Hungarians are flocking into the offices for checks to-day, and many of them have been refused work. They are angry because any compromise was made. It is thought an effort will be made to freeze them out and compel them to leave the regions.

Lord Randolph Churchill. LONDON, February 22 .- Lord Randolph Churchill arrived at Lorne this morning on his way to Belfast. He was enthusiastically received by a large rowd on his journey from London. He made a short stay at Strangear, Scotland. There was a gathering of the people at the station and in reply to their greetings Lord Randolph made a speech in which he said he imagined that Scotchmen were benefited too much by their union with England to support any proposal for the dismemberment of the empire. This remark was received with cheers. In an address at Lorne Lord Churchill asserted that the granting of home-rule to Ireland would result in a dissolution of the connection between Great Britain and Ireland. He declared that the placing of the Loyalists of the North of Ireland under the authority of the Dublin Government would be a monstrosity of civilization. The Loyalists must organize and fit themselves

ume grave proportions. BELFAST, February 22 .- Large bodies of Orangemen, wearing regalia, displaying banners, and headed by of music, met Lord Randolph Churchill at the depot here. He was escorted by a huge procession to Ulster Hall, where addresses were presented him. Replying to the addresses, he said he wished that those contemplating a dissolution of the union were nly present; they would then perceive that Belfast would never submit to disunion. The town is excited. Extenive police precautions have been taken o prevent rioting.

for the struggle for the maintenance of

the union, which was only beginning

now, but which he predicted would as-

Capture of Alleged Safe-Blowers. [By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

CHICAGO, Feb. 22 .- The city deectives are inbilant over the capture of six safe-blowers who have operated uccessfully throughout the city for the last two months. Each of the cane has made an unqualified confession of the full extent of their operations, and the evidence is already pared which will probably land all in the penitentiary. A complete kit of safe-blowing tools and a quantity of dynamite was found at their rendezvou and a large amount of plunder, including \$30,000 worth of valuable papers. the result of the Schmidt burglary. was recovered vesterday from under a pile of lumber near the Northwest ailroad bridge. In the pockets of one of the gang were a number of "wildcat "-bank bills and a memorandum containing the addresses of business firms, all of which have safes, together with careful diagrams of the interiors of stores.

The Recent London Divorce Trial

By Anglo-American cable to the Dispatch.)
LONDON, February 22.—Mr. Craword writes to the Times denving that the procedure in the recent divorce trial was the result of an arrangement or communication between the parties. He says: "Nobody was more surprised than myself, and I believe that on ny advice, Sir Charles Dilke did not nter the witness box. I am not aware hat any facilities to obtain correlorative testimony were offered by Sir Charles Dilke, but I know that two detectives fruitlessly tried to find Fanny for several months previous to the trial. Fanny, once discovered, declined to reveal anything, and afterwards could not be seen. It is understood that the Queen's proctor will intervene in the case of Sir Charles Dilke. Sir Charles has intimated that e desires to submit all the information n his possession to disprove the allegation that the divorce of Crawford's resulted from collusion.'

London Police to be investigated y Anglo-American cable to the Dispatch.

LONDON, February 22 .- Colonel Sir Edmond Henderson, head of the Metrocolitan police force, who has been se verely censured for the inefficiency of the police during the recent riots in London, has resigned. This action is opposed to be due to the conviction on part that the committee appointed by Mr. Childers, Home Secretary, to nvestigate the causes of the riots would blame him for the course of the police. In the House of Commons to lay Mr. Childers announced that the Riot Committee advised a thorough and immediate overhauling and reorganization of the police department of Lon-

Want to Fight Turkey. By Anglo-American cable to the Dispatch.] LONDON, February 22,-The Greek Ministers of War and Marine threaten to resign unless war against Turkey is declared. The people of Greece, who are anxious for hostilities, are much excited. Torpedoes have been surreptitiously removed from the harbor of Salonica. The Turkish authorities boarded the Greek steamship Omonia and arrested the captain on suspicion of having been concerned in the removal. They then searched the vessel, but failed to find any of the torpedoes. The captain was thereupon released.

By Anglo-American cable to the Dispatch. LONDON, February 22 .- It is stated that Mr. Morely, Chief Secretary for Ireland, has so instructed the police and military authorities as to render it firtually impossible to effect evictions. Archbishop Walsh, of Dublin, has written to Mr. Gladstone saving that

the Irish bishops consider that the result of the elections answered Mr. Gladstone's appeal to the Irish people to "speak out."

Wants Punch's Editor Arrested LONDON, February 22 .- The court has refused a summons for the arrest of the editor and publishers of Punch. whom the Socialist leaders desired to have committed for contempt of court for having, as alleged, attempted to incite public opinion against them while they were on trial for their utterances during the Trafalgar-Square riots.

BERLIN, February 22 .- Prince William, son of the Prince Imperial, who is colonel of the Guard Hussars, has ordered every officer of that regiment to withdraw from the Union Club on account of the ruinous gambling permitted in its club-rooms. The committee of the Club intend to suppress all gambling.

The Balkan Peace Conference By Anglo-American cable to the Dispatch. BUCHAREST, February 22.-The Balkan Peace Conference met to-day and adjourned indefinitely. Servia's draft of a treaty of peace is considered inadequate.

Greece's Policy Not Changed ATHENS, GREECE, February 22 .-The Greek Premier, receiving a deputation to-day, said that the Government's was feared that the Hungarians would | policy had not been changed.

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THE STATE CONVENTION.

Relizious Exercises on Sunday-The Closte [Reported for the Dispatch.]

NORFOLK, February 22, 1886. Yesterday the members of the Con-vention engaged in religious work about the city. At 9:30, in the Young Men's Christian Association rooms, on Main street, a consecration meeting was held for men only, which was largely at-tended. At 4 o'clock a men's meeting was held in Freemason-Street Baptist church, conducted by Mr. E. E. Sheldon, of Baltimore. At the same hour a women's meeting was held at Granby-Street Methodist Episcopal church, conducted by Mr. E. W. Watkins, of New York, and a boys' meeting at the Young Men's Christian Association rooms. conducted by Mr. H. M. Clarke, of Richmond. All these exercises were very interesting, and in each instance largely attended by the friends of the organization.

The closing exercises of the Convention took place at Freemason-Street Baptist church last night, when a massmeeting was held in the interest of the local organization, conducted by Mr. E. W. Watkins, of New York. Interesting addresses were made by Mr. Watkins; D. A. Gordon, State secretary H. M. Clarke, of Richmond: C. A. Licklider, of Lynchburg, and E. E. Shelden, of Baltimore, explaining the various lines of work of the organization-social, physical, intellectual, moral, and religious. By invitation, Rev. George D. Arm

strong, D. D., and W. F. Irvine, the acting president, delivered brief addresses; after which the members of the Convention joined hands and united in singing "Blest Be the Tie that The benediction was then pronounced

by Dr. J. L. Burrows, and President Irvine declared the Convention adjourned sine die.

NORFOLK AND PORTSMOUTH. tary Parade and Salutes-The Albatross Other Shipping News-'orrespondence of the Richmond Dispatch

NORFOLK, February 22, 1886. To-day being a national holiday, the gates were closed and all operations suspended at the navy-yard. was also suspended at the customhouse, post-office, banks, courts, etc. The war-ships and merchant shipping in the harbor were literally enveloped in many-hued bunting, and from all the public buildings and many private houses the national ensign and streamers were unfurled. At noon national salutes were fired by the men-of-war, and by the Norfolk Light Artillery Blues on shore. In the atternoon ther was a grand parade by the military companies of the two cities, which was followed at night by a collation at the arnory of the City Guard. The weather was fine, and the city wore a holiday appearance all day. The United States Fish-Commission

steamer Albatross, not being able to get in the dry-dock on account of the Alliance being in, sailed yesterday on short scientific cruise among the Bahama group, and will return here in about six weeks to be overhauled. The revival at Court-Street Baptist

terday in the conversion of eleven perance at every service.
The dismasted British bark Veronica storted for New York for repairs yes-

church, under the preaching of Rev

J. M. Luck, of Halifax, resulted yes

terday in tow of the powerful steam tug Ocean King.
The schooner Wild Pigeon, Captain Paine, arrived here in distress to-day in tow of a tug, having been caught in a gale off Chincoteague on Saturday and st her foremasthead, foretopmast, bboom, and all her forward rigging. the sailed from Newport's News or Friday with coal for Somerset, Mass. A schooner is reported ashore near Sewell's Point, and a tug has gone to

her assistance. A portion of the dwelling of Homer W. Styron, deputy collector of customs at Cape Hatteras, was destroyed by

ire last night. Naval-Constructor Varney, having nished his experiments with metallic paints at the navy-yard, left last night for Philadelphia.

PETERSBURG AND VICINITY Observance of the 22d-Sunday Fices-Terrible Burning Accident-The Diawiddle Murde Trial.

Correspondence of the Richmond Dispate PETERSBURG, Feb. 22, 1886. The day was observed as usual by a parade of the military companies. addition to their parade the Petersburg Grays had a target practice.
To-night the "Old Grays" Associa-

tion, composed of the surviving memers of Companies A and B of the gallant Twelfth Virginia regiment, and com-prising the descendants of the Petersburg rays of ante-war times, celebrated the fty-eighth anniversary of their organization around the banquet table at the Bollingbrook Hotel. Many invited cuests were present, and the occasion was made enjoyable by a splendid setut, good speeches, songs, &c.

Two fire-alarms were sounded on Sunday during the prevalence of a high wind, but fortunately the damage was small in each instance. A small house on the Heights and another on Halifax street were burned.

Early this morning the wife of R. H. Hampton, a worthy colored man living and keeping store on Sycamore street, was terribly burned by the explosion of a kerosene lamp. After turning down the wick she attempted to blow the light out. The lamp exploded. throwing the burning oil over her face, breast, and arms. Her injuries are believed to be fatal. Judge Hancock has notified the cour

sel in the Puryear murder case that it will be convenient for him to hold a special term of his Circuit Court in Dinwiddie county about the 16th of March for the trial of the accused, but states that counsel after consultation may fix any date between the 10th and 24th, if more convenient to them. As the lawyers in the case reside a long distance from each other it is probable that Judge Hancock will be asked to name the day himself. It will take some time to notify all the witnesses. between seventy-five and one hundred in number-and the trial, it is believed. will last for ten days. Jurors are to be summoned from outside of the ROBIN ADAIR.

Opposed to Exemption. At the regular monthly meeting the Petersburg Medical Faculty held recently the following resolution was

offered and adopted : Resolved. That we protest against the exemption of the University and Medical-College students from examination before the State Board. There was not a dissenting voice.

The Banville Grays Celebrate. [Special telegram to the Dispatch.] DANVILLE, VA., February 22 .-The Grays celebrated the Twenty second to-night with a ball and banquet. There was a large company present There was dancing at Masonic Hall

till 11 o'clock, when the company went to the armory and had supper. After supper F. F. Bowen read a historic sketch of the company, and dancing was then resumed at Masonic Hall.

FATAL ACCIDENT.

Crushed in a Slate-Quarry Correspondence of the Richn BREMO BLUFF, VA., Feb. 22, 1886. Mr. D. P. Thomas, who lives at Bremo Bluff, but owns and operates a slate-quarry near Awon, Buckingham speaker cited several States where it is county, met with a fatal accident this in force, and notwithstanding the cry n, catching Mr. Thomas under a huge rock, breaking both legs, and injuring him internally so severely that he died within an hour. Mr. Thomas was widely known in this community, and much sympathy is expressed for his family There were several other men in the in the quarry at the time the cave-in took place, and their escape is considered miraculous. BLUFF.

Church at Bowting Green Burned. [Special telegram to the Dispatch.] BOWLING GREEN, VA., February 21.-The Disciples' church here was totally destroyed by fire to-day. It ignited on the roof during services. It was insured for \$1,000. Mr. Massey's Bill As He Explains It.

SENATE CHAMBER, / RICHMOND, VA., Feb. 22, 1886. To the Editor of the Dispatch : If it were not too dry a subject for amusement I should be amused by the

arious comments I have seen and heard opon the bill I prepared " to facilitate the settlement of the public debt of the State under the act approved February 14, 1882." Some seem to have con strued it as in some way a concession to the bondholders and a purpose to ffer or accept a new and different settlement as a compromise with them. I cannot understand how a man of fair intelligence can receive such an impression from a perusal of the bill; but there be anything in it which can be so distorted as to create such an impression. I wish it eliminated at once. Apply the scalpel without mercy to anything which creates or encourages such

My object in preparing the bill and having it offered is a totally different one. Before stating it any more definitely than it is stated in the bill I will

say in all frankness : I never approved the "Riddleberger bill," but accepted it as a compromise. I then believed, and still believe, that the "war and reconstruction interest" ought never to have been allowed. If that had been eliminated it would have reduced the debt to about fifteen milons of dollars (\$15,000,000), which I believe to be the utmost sum Virginia ought to have assumed, and the utmost sum she would have assumed if the party then in power had not violated its solemn and oft-repeated pledges. Yet, when that bill was passed, I preferred acquiescence in it to further agitation of the subject. My position upon this ubject has been "known of all men. Does any man suppose that I have changed my opinion? or that I doubt the ability of Virginia to maintain her sition in the matter? So far from it. I have no doubt of the fact that " Viroinia is still master of the situation." Entertaining no doubt upon this point, I was willing to meet the bondholders, to "explain to them the facts which make the settlement under the act of February 14, 1882, just and equitable, and its acceptance by them a necessity for the protection of their interest, and to let them clearly understand that while Virginia would fulfil her part of that contract in good faith she would never pay a dollar more than she had thereby agreed to pay.

Upon the acceptance of the settle-ment (under the Riddleberger bill) by the bondholders it is but right and proper that Virginia should, through the commission proposed to be created. mediate between them and West Virginia so as to secure to them such sum West Virginia may agree to pay. Yet in all these things, and in each one of them. Virginia was to be held harmless-no step to be taken until a sufficient sum, or security for it, be placed in her hands to reimburse her for all osts and expenses incurred in carrying out the provisions of the bill. ssible, but not probable, that the ommission may fail of its objects, but what possible harm can come to Virmaking the effort, or how she would thereby compromise her dignity,

I am unable to see. This is purely a matter of business. in a business way.

JOHN E. MASSEY. not of sentiment, and should be treated

The Funeral of Mrs. Cowardin.

The funeral of Mrs. Charles O'B. Co wardin took place yesterday afternoo at 3 o'clock from St. Peter's Cathedral. As the remains were borne down the long aisle the choir chanted the " Miserere," and then, as the officiating priests kneeled at the altar, the choir sang Gounod's "Ave Verum."

The Very Rev. Father Van De Vyver, paster of the Cathedral, began the services by saving it was the request of the deceased that the funeral ceremonies be simple; that no address be delivered-no word of praise. But in a few feeling sentences he spoke beautifully of her Christian resignation as she bade farewell to earth. Father Van De Vyver then read the offices for the dead, and Father Cowardin, standing beside the pastor, made the responses. The large building was filled with those who had come to pay a silent tribute to the memory of the deceased, and many a sympathetic tear was dropped during the services.

The floral offerings were very numer-

ous and beautiful. A large floral harp was sent by Messrs. John Reinhardt John Baseler, and John Reintz, of the Quartette Club, and an appropriate design was sent by the Press Club.

The following gentlemen acted as pall-bearers: Dr. Joseph A. White, William Allen, Dr. George Ben Johnston, Charles U. Williams, Jacob Reinhardt, John Enders, Jr., Richard F. Beirne, W. D. Chesterman, G. Watson James, H. Theodore Ellyson, Meredith Montague, and Wyndham Mere-

As the funeral procession left the Cathedral the choir rendered "Deus Meminerit," solo and chorale, by Schu-The remains were laid to rest in Hol-

lywood. All the Way to Florida [By telegraph to the Dispatch,]

WASHINGTON, February 22 .- The repairs to the bridge near Wilmington, N. C., on the Atlantic-Coast Line have been completed, and the Pullman sleepers will run through as usual. There will be no detention on account of the fire at Wilmington. The Jacksonville, Tampa and Key West railway began running trains to-day between Jacksonville and Sanford. This gives the Atlantic-Coast Line all-rail connection with Tampa and decreases the time to Sanford, Tampa, Key West, and Ha-

General Hancock had a double in New York. The resemblance was quite remarkable, the only noticeable difference being that the General was the taller of the two.

MANCHESTER MATTERS.

and bring about a reformation in our

names were secured for Star of Hope

Society of the Bainbridge-Street Bap-

tist church-Emmet Waugh, president

attendance was fairly good, and inter-

at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

will ever be ready to hear him.

meeting was held.

scribed at once.

Esq., resigned.

this evening.

March.

counsel in the case agree upo

church Sunday, and will conduct ser-

Mr. T. H. Fisher has been appointed

The City School Board will meet

High Constable vice E. J. Howlett,

the Mayor's Court-room at 7 o'clock

Richmond Theatre.

as beautiful and exciting a drama was

witnessed by a large and fashionable

an audience as has ever been produced

in the Richmond Theatre. The play

was that of "Our Joan," by Merivale

with Miss Rose Coghlan in the title-

rôle. In the various and ever-changing

scenes the great dramatic genius of

Miss Coghlan was displayed to great

advantage. As the honest, outspoken

fisher-girl in the first act she was in-

imitable and true to the life. In the

second act where she is seen in her

husband's tine residence and in fash

ionable costume, and is learning with

intense disgust the superficial man-

of the audience, that a most unusual

thing occurred for Richmond. She was

three times enthusiastically called be-

fore the curtain. The pathos in the

last scene is feelingly displayed by the

heroine, and "Our Joan" appears

again in her fisher's costume and rushes

to the rescue of her husband. The last

scenic effect of the last act is very beau

tiful, and never before has any sea

Coglan was again called before the cur-

tain. She is a very beautiful woman,

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ways. Her support is excellent.

is stopping at the St. James Hotel.

Mr. Thomas Bransford, of Roanoke,

Va., formerly agent of the Richmond

and Petersburg railroad here, is in the

Mr. Moses Hoge, son of Rev. Moses

D. Hoge, D. D., arrived in New York

last Friday, and is expected here this

ity yesterday.

she so awakened the interest

pers and customs of

fashionable

It may safely be said that last night

vices at that church to-morrow night.

are so heartily enlisted and happ mperance Address by Rev. L. A. Cutter As president of the Democratic can-A large and attentive audience assembled at Central M. E. church Sonday evening to hear Rev. L. A. Cutler, of Richmond, deliver one of the ablest and most convincing arguments on the subject of intoxicating liquors that it has ever been the pleasure of the people of this city to listen to. In his argument in favor of prohibition the of the General Assembly. Not a Paying Investme morning. While holding a drill in the quarry the side of the quarry caved this State showed by convincing facts the Common Council by Mr. Prischthat it will be a failure if adopted in and figures that it would lessen crime, establish a higher plane of morality,

korn making inquiry of the Richmond Railway Company as to why they de not run a line of cars on Church-Hill avenue the company has replied that they do not think it would be a paying government. Mr. Catler fully sustained his reputation as an able and eloquent orator, and the people here investment.

Lodge, under the auspices of which the yesterday.
Henry Holmes-(colored), stealing a A regular meeting of the Missionary herse-blanket from Gideon Davenport. Continued until to-day.

George Smith (colored), drunk and disorderly in the street and resisting the police in the discharge of daty. Methodist church; Rev. J. R. Harri-Fined \$20 and costs. John Bass (colored), vagrant. Or-

son, of Southwest Virginia; and Rev. Dr. A. E. Dickinson, of Richmond. Rev. Dr. A. E. Dickinson preached at the Bainbridge-Street Baptist church Sunday night. After the sermon Dr. Dickinson made an appeal to the church James Thomas (colored), drunk, and

to contribute fifty dollars to help Rev. J. R. Harrison in his missionary work in Southwest Virginia, and it was sub-Judge B. A. Hancock will fix March months. 16th as the time for the trial of Holmes Puryear, charged with the murder of

his wife in Dinwiddie county, unless other day between the 8th and 18th of Rev. James Spencer, of West Virginia, nephew of Dr. Spencer, of this city, preached at the Presbyterian

the street. Fined \$5 and costs.

Mary Twyman (colored), drunk and disorderly on the street. Fined \$5 and John McQuade, drunk and disorderly on the street. Fined 85 and costs. James Thomas and John Bowler (both

premises of Robert Flagg. Fined each \$2.50 and costs. Charles H. McKenna, suspicious character. Sent to jail for thirty days.

house by Justice McGehee. William Howard, Richard Dilliard, John Jones, and Bettie James (all colored). Fined \$2 each and costs.

to jail for thirty days.
Fielding Lewis (colored), suspicious

Fined each #4 and costs. drunk. son with a piece of iron. Continued until Wednesday morning.

M .- For the Middle Atlantic States, slightly warmer, fair weather, winds nerally southwesterly. For the South Atlantic States, fair,

generally southerly. For Richmond and vicinity, fair, cormer weather.

The play will be repeated to-night. Hon. J. B. Moon returned to the Mr. Louis E. Phillips, special United States attorney, of Washington, D. C., Midnight....

week. Judge Robert W. Hughes arrived in the city yesterday. Several important cases are set for trial in his court here

to-day. The bids for building the new Young Men's Christian Association building were opened yesterday, but the contract was not awarded. The Building Committee will meet again in a few days.

The silver carnival matinée given at the Academy yesterday afternoon for the benefit of the Eye, Ear, and Throat Infirmary was largely attended, and the programme, which was an admirably good one, was satisfactorily rendered Governor Lee; Captain Hayes, of the United States army; Mr. Sebrell, mem-ber of the House from Southampton

county; and Mr. Terry, delegate from

Sunday afternoon. Mr. B. P. Owen, the stenographer en gaged in taking the evidence in investigating the affairs of the Eastern Lunation Asylum, has finished his work, and on yesterday turned the evidence over to the special joint committee which made

the investigation.

St. John's German church was well filled Sunday morning to witness the installation of the new pastor, Rev. Paul L. Menzel, who succeeds Rev. Mr. John. After the installation Mr. Menzel preached his introductory sermon, which gave great satisfaction. The case of Talbott & Sons vs. The

Richmond & Danville Railroad Company for damages by encroachment upon property, which was set for trial in the City Circuit Court vesterday, was postponed until the 15th of March on ac count of the sickness of Judge Marshall, who was counsel in the case The British brig "Acacia," 186 tons William Mattison master, New York

via Richmond for Santa Catharina, Bra-

zil, cleared yesterday with assorted

cargo from New York valued at \$2,199. and 1,616 barrels flour valued at \$7,-79, shipped by the Haxall-Crenshaw Company; total value of cargo, \$9,978. Two of the colored military companies of the city fired three rounds each on the Capitol Square yesterday afteroon in honor of the celebration of Washington's birthday. As is always the case on such occasions the crowd to witness the performance was very large

some of the principal streets. At the regular meeting of the Irish National League held Sunday afternoon a resolution was unanimously adopted tendering the thanks of the League to Mr. Richard F. Beirne, editor of the State, for his able and true efforts in the columns of his popu-lar paper to properly set forth before public the true cause of the Irish people as represented by " our great and noble National League, thus intelligently and patriotically advancing the

William Lovenstein to take charge of and advance the bills considered by the caucus as deserving special considera-

As president of the Democratic cau-cus, Mr. Cardwell has appointed Messrs, A. D. Payne, Edward Echols, and James Hay (members of the House and Senators Marshall McCormick and

cause in which all Ireland's true

The following cases were disposed of

F. D. Blunt (white) and James Buck-G. E. Richardson, secretary-was held ner (colored), fighting in the public street. Fined \$5 and costs. The esting addresses were delivered by Rev. W. H. Christian, of the Central

> dered to leave town. Joseph Clayton (white) and William Christian (colored), fighting, in the street. Continued until Thursday

assaulting and striking Margaret Thomas on the street. Fined \$5 and costs, and security required for twelve Walter Mayo and J. L. Lucas, tres-

passing on the premises of J. T. Martin and assaulting and striking said Martin. Lucas fined \$2.50 and costs. Rufus Oliver (colored), creating a disturbance on the street and striking Sue Jackson. Fined \$5 and costs. Jennie Snead (colored), disorderly on

colored), drunk and disorderly on the

B. F. Allen, obtaining money under false pretences. Dismissed at station-

John McLaughlin, drunk. Sent te the almshouse. Abram Redd (colored), stealing a trunk from Robert S. Valentine. Sent

character. Sent to jail for thirty days in default of security.

Dudley Bernard and James Gorman, Dick Jackson, beating Albert John-

LATE WEATHER REPORT. (By telegraph to the Dispatch.) WASHINGTON, February 23-1 A.

lightly warmer weather, variable winds, scene been put on the Richmond Theatre more effectively. At the close Miss

with a full, mellow voice and winning The weather in Richmond yesterday was bright and pleasont.
Range of Thermometer Yesterday.

> RICHMOND TOBACCO MARKET. FEBRUARY 22, 1886.
> Breaks to-day were very fair as to quantiof tobacco, Offerings of newdark to in hogsheads are increasing and fuller breaks may be expected this week. Old tobaccos seemed to have more active friends to day, though buying was on a

OUR BIG RUN

This Week

MEN'S EXTRA PANTS.

Because all our PANTALOONS of the \$8. Charlotte county, paid a very pleasant visit to the Confederate Soldiers' Home

WHY?

FOUR DOLLARS AND EIGHTY-FIVE CENTS A PAIR. Recollect we must have the money, as our buyer is now in New York making spring

By the above, you see, we mean to carry out his instructions. A. SAKS & CO.,

1013 MAIN STREET.

#2- TO MOVE GOODS, "50

(fe 21) LIME, CEMENT, &c. TIME: LIME !! LIME !!!

Just received a large camo FRESH ROCKLAND LIME, for sale low. Fresh ROSENDALE and PORTLAND (imported) CEMENTS and CALCINED PLASTES on hand, in large quantities; FIRST-CLASS MARBLE-DUST, CATTLE-HAIR, SAVAGE FIRE-BRICK, and CLAY, in stock, Our popular "ANCHOR LIME" always on hand fresh.

WARNER MOORE, foot of Seventeeuth street, CORN-MEAL, LUMP and GROUND PLASTER, SUMAC, and BARK. ja 24

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

MINIATURE ALMANAC, PER, 23, 1866, PORT OF RICHMOND, FEBRUARY 22, 1886. Steamer Old Dominion, Smith, New York, merchandise and passengers, G. W. Allen & Co. ogents. The two companies afterwards paraded

Co., agents, Steamer Ashland, Tunnill, Philadelphia, merchandise and passengers, J. W. McCar-rick, agent. ARRIVED PERRUARY 21ST AND 22D.

Schooner William Cobb, Chase, Boston, general cargo to master.
Schooner Albert Mason, Abbott, Elizabethport, coal. S. H. Hawes.
Schooner Foaming Sea. Wroten. Baltimore, fertilizer. Charies G. Snead.
Schooner Jennie Middleton. Barratt. Charleston, phosphate rock, Southern Fortillaing Company. CLEARED.

Brig Acacia (Br.), Mattson Santa Catha-rina, Brezil, flour, Haxall Croushaw Com-pany, and assorted cargo from New York.